



November

City of Seat Pleasant Newsletter

GOOD FOOD
MARKETS

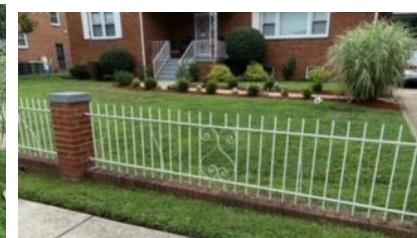
YOUR COMMUNITY GROCERY

On October 2nd, Good Food Markets hosted a tremendously successful Grand Opening. The event started with remarks from representatives from the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, the County Executive and the Mayor. Good Food Markets is in the Addison Plaza Shopping Center, 6224 Central Avenue, open from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. After years of waiting for a healthy grocery store with food variety, Good Food Markets allows residents to patronize an establishment that offers healthy food options, has a 10% discount for senior citizens, low-income accommodations, and community employment opportunities. You can find Good Food Markets employment opportunity at: www.goodfoodmarkets.com/seat-pleasant-md.



Congratulations to the Marin family for winning the Best Yard Award in Ward 3 for the month of September.

The beauty of their yard awarded them a gift card from Councilwoman Scott. Each month, she will choose a new suitable winner. For more information about Councilwoman Scott's Ward 3 Beautification Award Contest, please call her directly at (240) 614-3437.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN & AROUND THE CITY

To apply to the positions below go to the Maryland Workforce Exchange website,
WWW.MWEJOBS.MARYLAND.GOV.



All Things Creative, LLC
[Creative Project Manager](#)
Closing Date – 11/09/2021
Salary Range - \$75k - \$85k depending on experience
JO: 1434856



Sankofa Yoga & Wellness Center
[Office Manager](#)
Closing Date – 11/29/2021
Salary Range - \$30.00 - \$40.00 per hour
JO: 1444397



Sankofa Yoga & Wellness Center
[Yoga Studio Manager](#)
Closing Date – 11/27/2021
Salary Range - \$25.00 Per Hour Depending on Experience
JO: 1443427



The Arc of Prince George's County
[Position – Community Integration Specialist](#)
Closing Date – 10/31/2021
Salary Range – Depending on Experience
JO: 1413581

To apply to the positions below go to the Employ Prince George's website,
WWW.EMPLOYPG.ORG/HOT/JOBS/.



Cuts Unlimited Inc.

[Position – Receptionist](#)

Closing Date – 11/04/2021

Salary Range – \$15.00 – \$20.00 per hour

JO: 1432222

Cuts Unlimited Inc.

[Position – Barber](#)

Closing Date – 11/04/2021

Salary Range – \$25.00 – \$60.00 per hour

JO: 1432221

Era Wine Bar

[Position – Manager](#)

Closing Date – 11/28/2021

Salary Range – \$50,000 annually

JO: 1443681

Klub Kid LLC.

[Position – Janitor/Sanitation](#)

Closing Date – 11/26/2021

Salary Range – \$13.00 – \$15.00 per hour

JO: 1442710

Shadenjuan Child Care Center

[Position – Child Care Aide](#)

Closing Date – 10/30/2021

Salary Range – \$11.00 per hour

JO: 1430900

The Arc of Prince George's County

[Position – Driver](#)

Closing Date – 10/31/2021

Salary Range – Depending on Experience

JO: 1413579

The Arc of Prince George's County

[Position – Community Integration Specialist](#)

Closing Date – 10/31/2021

Salary Range – Depending on Experience

JO: 1413581

Cool Beanz Day Care

[Toddler/Pre-K Teacher](#)

Closing Date – 12/03/2021

Salary Range – \$12.50 – \$16.28 per hour

JO: 1445765

Balanced Choice Vending

[Position – Account Manager \(Salesman\)](#)

Closing Date – 11/29/2021

Salary Range – \$13.00 – \$18.00 per hour

JO: 1444062

City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action Office of the City Clerk

October 2021

Legislation:

- Charter Amendment Resolution CA-22-01 Re-Enactment of Charter Amendment Resolution CA-20-02 Creating a New Section State of Emergency 2nd reading **Approved 6-0-1**
- Charter Amendment Resolution CA-22-02 Re-Enactment of Charter Amendment Resolution CA-21-05 Succession of Duties 2nd reading **Approved 6-0-1**
- Charter Amendment Resolution CA-22-03 Re-Enactment of Charter Amendment Resolution CA-21-06 Amendment of the City Charter 2nd reading **Approved 6-0-1**
- Charter Amendment Resolution CA-22-04 Re-Enactment of Charter Amendment Resolution CA-21-08 Amendment of the City Charter 2nd reading **Approved 6-0-1**
- **Ordinance O-22-03 Amendment of Chapter 68-Commercial Business District 1st Reading**
- **Ordinance O-22-04 Amendment of Chapter 114-Nuisance 1st Reading**
- **Ordinance O-22-05 Amendment of Chapter 129-Solid Waste 1st Reading**
- **Ordinance O-22-06 Amendment of Chapter 150-Vehicles and Traffic 1st Reading**

Meeting Minutes:

The City Council approved the September 2021 Meeting Minutes on Monday, October 11, 2021:

- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 1, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 1, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 13, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 13, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 15, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 15, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 27, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 27, 2021, Approved 6-0-0**

The meetings for November will be as follows:

Regular Work Session, Monday, November 1, 2021, at 6:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u12Cyoj9ToO02YyHkwS0RQ

Public Session, Monday, November 8, 2021, at 7:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cCaJr4pBStSwdwunnfPokQ

All meetings are open to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. During the COVID-19 the City Council meetings will be held via Zoom with citizens being provided access to join the meeting from the city's website. All citizens are required to register for the Zoom meetings.

Copies of legislation and approved meeting minutes can be found on the City's website www.seatpleasantmd.gov or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.

City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action Office of the City Clerk - continued

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT BOARDS AND COMMISSION

The City of Seat Pleasant City Council is seeking energetic residents that have a desire to serve their community on the following Boards and Commission. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and **complete the application by Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

Ethics Commission and Personnel Appeals Board

The City of Seat Pleasant Ethics Commission and Personnel Appeals Board consists of five members each who will be appointed by the Seat Pleasant City Council.

Please contact the **office of the City Clerk** by e-mail at dlanham@seatpleasantmd.gov to obtain an application.



MARYLAND HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND COMING ON-LINE SOON - SIGN UP NOW TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS



As a homeowner, if you are struggling to pay your mortgage due to COVID-19 related financial hardships, assistance is on the way. The Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development will be launching The Maryland Homeowners Assistance Fund in late 2021. The Fund will be open to homeowners statewide. Visit the [Maryland Homeowner Assistance Fund webpage](#) to learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements.

Complete an [Expression of Interest Form](#) and be added to the MD-DHCD's email list.

Getting help early is important. [Contact a housing counselor](#) today to discuss your specific circumstances and your available options.

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Check Your Status, Ask a Question: ERAP Has a New Hotline

If you need to check the status of your ERAP application or have a question about ERAP, you can now call the **ERAP Hotline on (301) 883-6504 and press 9**. The ERAP Hotline operators are available from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Fridays to provide application status updates and answer your ERAP questions.



MEET THE NEW CITY MANAGER LESLIE PARKER-BLYTHER

Leslie Parker Blyther is a native of Prince George's County Maryland. She received her bachelor's degree from Morgan State University in Sociology. And earned a master's degree in Psychology from Bowie State University. Leslie is an educator in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security. She has taught at Coppin State University and Bowie State University. Most recently, Ms. Blyther served as the Interim Director at Anne Arundel Community College in the Homeland Security & Criminal Justice Institute. Prior, she served as the Program Coordinator for 18 years, developing courses and curricula in the fields of juvenile justice, forensics, law enforcement, corrections, homeland security, intelligence analytics, and forensic psychology. Ms. Blyther has written countless professional training curricula in law enforcement; corrections; diversity, equity and inclusion; leadership and ethics.

Ms. Blyther is a social and legal policy analyst –researching, examining, and writing policies on law enforcement and corrections use of force; searches and seizures; training, and administrative operations. Her experience in policy analysis also extends into higher education as well. In her career as a strategic planner, she helped to establish two correctional entrance level training academies in Prince George's and Anne Arundel County. She was hired to advance the Anne Arundel Community College's police entrance level training academy where she designed and implemented a 100-percent proficiency examination policy – the highest in the state of Maryland.

Leslie Parker Blyther is a long-time activist in Baltimore City. She served on the Parent-Community Advisory Board in the Baltimore City Public School System; the city's Civilian Review Board; and co-founded and served as the administrative officer of the "Children's First" non-profit organization. She helped strategize two of the largest protests against lead-contaminated water in Baltimore City Schools; and served as one of two litigates – leading to a successful cease and desist order against running water in Baltimore City Schools. She is a co-founder of two charter schools in Baltimore City, and the President of the Board of Directors for the Angela Y. Davis Leadership Academy in Baltimore City.

Leslie is a watercolorist, an advent reader, and plays Tibetan Singing Bowls. She loves spending time with her family who still live in Prince George's County. She has two children – Trevor and Troi.

It is her greatest desire to use all the talents, skills, and experience God has afforded her to help enhance public trust and confidence in the city's government. The work will be challenging. But Leslie holds to the words of Frederick Douglass, "*If there is no struggle, there is no progress.*" She is encouraged by the commitment and dedication of the city's government professionals, and the elected officials who envision a better community for the citizens of Seat Pleasant.

November is Municipal Government Works Month

Since 1993, Maryland's cities and towns have celebrated Municipal Government Works (MGW) Month each November in an effort to promote citizens' awareness of and interest in the government in their communities.

Why Educate Citizens About Municipal Government?

"Consider this: Public officials at one level of government are blamed for policies enacted by others...City complaints are often directed to the wrong department...Many city residents cannot identify any of their locally elected officials... Municipal elections often have voter turnout rates that are half those of state and national elections despite the fact that one vote in a mayoral race has far more impact than a single vote in a state or national contest. And, all too often, citizens are awakened from their apathy and impelled to vote only when an issue directly affects them, often enacting public policy in an atmosphere of emotion and animosity rather than decision based on meaningful debate," writes former Deputy Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and a President of the Institute for Local Self Government, Ray Remy in an article for Western City. Does this sound all too familiar? He goes on to say, "Local government also distinguishes our democracy from all others through its independence, its variety of forms, its sheer numbers, through the lack of hierarchy found in other levels of government, and by the extent of agreement on basic values among citizens required to make community decisions. As the level of government closest to the people, local government offers its citizens the best opportunity to be heard and to influence the course of our communities. But self-governance is inherently dependent on the awareness of citizens and the level of commitment they have to participating in government."

~ Maryland Municipal League

WSSC - Addison Road Construction Update

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) project on Addison Road is a sewer line replacement and has been going on for a few weeks now. The project has a tentative end date in December 2021. When construction began, the Seat Pleasant Police Department was concerned about the buildup of traffic and the possibility of unwarranted tickets accumulating because of the construction, specifically at the Drylog St. and Addison Rd. traffic light. The Seat Pleasant Police Department contacted their traffic camera vendor to ensure citations weren't being processed while construction has disrupted the traffic flow. To date, they haven't issued any citations associated with that camera while the construction company or the Police Department is directing traffic. If for some reason, this becomes a problem, residents can always contact the Police Department directly, where they can rectify it immediately.



BULK TRASH COLLECTION



BULK TRASH IS COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAYS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Acceptable bulk trash includes, but not limited to:

- Plastic-covered mattresses
- Sofas
- Chairs
- Tables
- Cabinets, etc.
- Appliances
- Lawn furniture
- Barbecue grills (do not include propane tanks)
- Toys
- Lawnmowers, and other power equipment (oil and gas must be drained)
- Rolled up carpet & padding



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CAR PARTS, LOGS & TIRES.

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES



(Times are approximate*)

Use the website to make BULK TRASH REQUESTS

Monday

Trash Collection
6:00AM - 4:00PM

Tuesday

Curbside Recycling
6:00AM - 4:00PM

Wednesday

Yard Waste/Bulk Trash
(By Appointment Only)
6:00AM - 3:00PM

Thursday

Trash Collection
6:00AM - 4:00PM

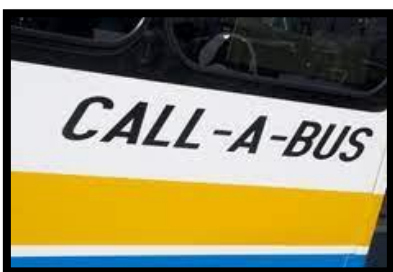
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City Hall: (301) 336-2600

YARD WASTE COLLECTION



Yard Waste collection (small tree limbs, grass clippings, and leaves) is on Wednesdays. No appointment needed, just place yard waste on the curb. It is a County regulation that leaves and yard waste be placed in brown paper bags, or in non-City issued empty trash receptacles and twigs can be bound together. **Yard Waste placed in plastic bags are not allowed at the County landfill.** Bags can be found in most home improvement stores and are commonly labeled as "yard and leaf bags."



Mr. Harold McCullough is the Transportation Engineer for the City's Call-A-Bus service. If you or someone you know is a senior citizen Seat Pleasant resident and/or have a handicap, we can make sure that you have a ride to get to where you need to go! You can schedule a ride to get to your doctor's appointments, grocery store, bank or local pharmacy, etc.. You must make your appointment at least 5 days in advance. The Call-A-Bus is a door-to-door transportation service that runs from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday. For more information or to schedule a ride, call City Hall, (301) 336-2600.



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Phone: (301) 336-2600

Open weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Email: Engage@seatpleasantmd.gov

GET TO KNOW YOUR MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

1. Acting Mayor Shireka McCarthy
Phone: (240) 713-4852 **Email:** SMcCarthy@seatpleasantmd.gov
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3. Councilmember Monica Higgs – Ward I
Phone: (240) 614-3415 **Email:** MHiggs@seatpleasantmd.gov
4. Councilmember Hope Love – Ward II
Phone: (240) 627-2498 **Email:** HLove@seatpleasantmd.gov
5. Councilmember Kizzie Scott – Ward III
Phone: (240) 614-3437 **Email:** KScott@seatpleasantmd.gov
6. Councilmember Gerald Raynor – Ward IV
Phone: (240) 672-2294 **Email:** GRaynor@seatpleasantmd.gov
7. Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk – Ward V
Phone: (240) 713-4839 **Email:** GSistrunk@seatpleasantmd.gov

NEED TO KNOW WHICH WARD YOU LIVE IN? CALL CITY HALL TO FIND OUT, (301) 336-2600.